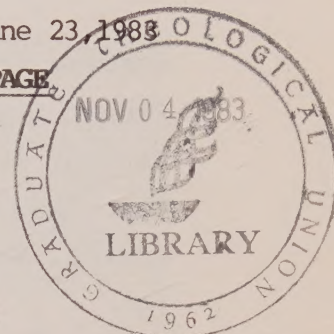


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BISHOP ALLIN HAILS

FIRST JUBILEE CENTER

DPS 83118

LEWISTOWN, Penna. (DPS, June 23) — Jubilee Ministry -- a strategic part of the Episcopal Church's effort to meet human need -- took another step toward realization on June 19 when Presiding Bishop John M. Allin presented a certificate designating St. Mark's Church, here, as a Jubilee Center.

The certificate was received by the Rev. Peter Greenfield, rector, at a Eucharist with Alice Emery, executive for National Mission at the Episcopal Church Center and Bishop Charlie McNutt of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania also present. The celebration followed, by two days, the action of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church in affirming St. Mark's and seven other programs as the first Jubilee Centers in the Church.

Congregations and clusters of congregations meeting certain criteria may be designated Jubilee Centers by a diocese. The designation is then affirmed by the Council. The criteria are based on the five functions of mission that were adopted at the 1982 General Convention as part of the Episcopal Church's Next Step in Mission:

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service, worship, evangelism, education, and pastoral care. Soon after the General Convention, McNutt suggested that St. Mark's apply for Jubilee Center designation. The parish did and was so designated by the Central Pennsylvania diocese. The Executive Council affirmed the designation on June 17 at their meeting in Des Moines, Iowa.

Other congregations affirmed as Jubilee Centers at the same meeting include: the Episcopal Pastoral Center, Denver; St. Paul's Parish, Saginaw, Mich.; Durham Ministries, Durham, N.C.; Holy Cross Parish, Miami; East St. Louis Metropolitan Ministries, East St. Louis, Ill.; Episcopal Ministries of Middle Tennessee/ Urban and Regional Ministries, Nashville, Tenn.; and Urban Mission Training Program, Washington.

All the Centers have in common programs to provide human services and leadership in some form of social advocacy.

St. Mark's Church has a long history of community leadership in Lewistown. The parish participates in the meat and broth canning project of the Central Pennsylvania World Hunger Association, distributing such food to the poor. St. Mark's started a Benevolent Endowment Fund, an ecumenical source of more than \$912,000 in grants to needy people each year. Meals on Wheels and Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, an ecumenical food pantry, are both based in the parish house. St. Mark's parishioners took the lead in challenging a cutback of 120 CETA workers from the country payroll, and in reconciling a 1978 teacher's strike. Work parties from St. Mark's have traveled to Jackson, Mississippi, to aid in flood relief, to Belize for farm work, to Colombia for a reconstruction project. Over 100 homes in Lewistown have been repaired by St. Mark's volunteers and many people are fed each year with food grown in the parish garden.

Much of this ministry is under the oversight of Laura Farley, parish outreach chairman. She called the Jubilee Center designation "fabulous," and said it presents new challenges for St. Mark's.

Her words were echoed by Greenfield, who said that at St. Mark's "our concept of church is a family."

"We see that family being a large one," he said. "It includes our parish, our diocese and indeed the whole world."

Greenfield noted that "poverty and living on the edge" are a "way of life in Lewistown." He said that the parish family concept enables the congregation to both respond to need and also take an advocacy role in the community when needed. The rector also serves as Province III representative to the National Hunger Committee.

The Presiding Bishop spoke of the church as a family in his June 19 sermon at St. Mark's.

"I am here as a member of the family," Allin told the congregation. "I am pleased I was not introduced as a guest. All of us are struggling with how we can be more effective as the family of Christ."

Allin traced the development of the Next Step in Mission as an Episcopal effort to renew ministry and meet human need. He praised St. Mark's for being one of the first congregations to take up the General Convention challenge and apply to be a Jubilee Center.

"It's a great mission," said the Presiding Bishop. "Your willingness to share in it is why I am here. Thank you for agreeing to be a model, so that each may discover that each has an offering to make to the Glory of God."

That model aspect that Allin referred to is a key factor in designation. In discussing the centers chosen for the first such honors, Emery pointed out that the Denver program has already been used as a model in several Church jurisdictions nationwide and has trained and funded staff for ten other ecumenical agencies.

One of its particular projects is the Statistical Advocacy and Mediation program which works with Denver social service agencies in attempting to determine and document systemic flaws and to provide advice on correcting them. In one instance, it was able to aid 2,000 people in five days.

The Tennessee project -- like many of these in existence for some years -- got a boost two years ago when federally-funded programs were cut back and forced local business, civic and religious groups into new cooperation to provide food, services and improved shelter to Tennessee's needy. The work of the project has been largely computerized and is therefore readily accessible for other interested groups.

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While budget cuts were a spur to the Tennesseans, the racial difficulties of the Miami area are the focal point of the Holy Cross project, which attempts to build interracial and cultural understanding while providing the support services and assistance that serve as buffers against racial tension.

Holy Cross provides a model of what a single, strong minded parish can do. The Durham project opens up visions of what can happen when 37 congregations in one town work together. The group now runs a community kitchen, meals on wheels, food pantry, counseling and a woman's action program and is raising funds for a building -- to be sited next to St. Philip's Episcopal Church -- to bring all of these services under one coordinated structure.

At the June 16-18 meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, where the first centers were lifted up, Emery told the Council that other efforts are underway to support this ministry, including an audio tape and accompanying text of meditations on the Biblical theme of Jubilee; and the resource guides published through the Education for Mission and Ministry and National Mission in Church and Society units of the Church Center.

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SANDRA WILSON TAPPED

FOR COUNCIL SEAT

DPS 83119

DES MOINES, Iowa (DPS, June 23) -- The Rev. Sandra A. Wilson of Bridgeport, Conn. was the speedy first-ballot choice to succeed the Rt. Rev. Alex D. Dickson on the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church.

Wilson was elected June 17 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church here to fill the at-large presbyteral seat left vacant by the elevation of Dickson to the episcopate. Church law provides that when such a vacancy occurs between meetings of the General Convention, the Council fills the post on an interim basis.

With her election, Wilson becomes the first black woman priest to serve on the Council. She will take up her duties with the November meeting.

Wilson was nominated by a special Council Committee consisting of the chairman of the Standing Committees. They started receiving recommendations from Council members and other church leaders after Dickson resigned. Also nominated were the Rev. Jacqueline Means-Bratsch of Indianapolis and the Rev. Magdaleno K. Bacagan of Gardena, Calif. No additional nominations were made from the floor.

Rector of St Mark's Church in Bridgeport, Wilson is a graduate of Vassar College and Union Theological Seminary. She has also studied at the University of Vienna and at the Goethe Institutes in Gottingen and Murnau, West Germany.

She was ordained deacon in 1980 and priest 18 months later and served as chaplain of Vassar College before becoming the first black woman rector in the Anglican Communion. In addition to her parochial work, she serves on the Joint Commission on Peace, the Union of Black Episcopalians and the Episcopal Women's Caucus. She is also active in diocesan, deanery and civic affairs.

Before going to seminary, she worked in business and journalism for Chase Manhattan Bank, Trans World Airlines and Time magazine.

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SEGER TO JOIN

CONVENTION SECRETARIAT

DPS 83120

NEW YORK (DPS, June 23) -- The Rev. David L. Seger has been appointed assistant secretary of the General Convention and will assume his duties at the Episcopal Church Center in August.

As assistant secretary, Seger will be responsible for legislative journals, dockets and statistics and for editorial and production supervision of General Convention materials and reports. He will work with the General Convention secretary and executive officer, the Rev. Canon James R. Gundrum, in these areas and in the supervision and management of the Convention staff. The secretariat is also responsible for canonical interpretations.


For the past nine years Seger has served as chaplain and chairman of the Department of Religion at Episcopal High School, Baton Rouge, La. He also has acted as director of alumni activities and boy's cross country coach. His teams have won four consecutive Class A state championships. Seger is a marathoner and plans to run in the New York Marathon next October.

Seger has been active in diocesan affairs, serving on the board of Episcopal Community Services and as chairman of the Commission on Liturgy. He has also served as an assistant at St. Luke's Church, Baton Rouge.

The first two years of Seger's ministry were spent as headmaster of All Saints School, Sioux Falls, S.D. In that diocese he served as a member of the Standing Committee, Camping Committee, and chaired the Standing Liturgical Commission. He was also priest-in-charge of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Luverne, Minn.

Seger is a graduate of the University of Iowa, Nashotah House, and Louisiana State University. He is married to the former Nancy Roberts. The Segers have three children--Nikki, a senior at Louisiana State University, Shelby, a freshman at the University of South Dakota, and Adam, a freshman at St. Paul's School, Garden City, N.Y.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIONS OF
THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

DPS 83121

DES MOINES, Iowa (DPS, June 23) -- The Executive Council of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church met here June 16-18.

The Council -- which sets policy and develops programs for the Church between the triennial meetings of the General Convention -- consists of 40 members: 20 elected by the Convention; 18 elected by the Church's nine internal provinces, and the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. John M. Allin, and the President of the House of Deputies, Dr. Charles R. Lawrence. The Rev. Canon James R. Gundrum is secretary.

Most resolutions for Council action come through six standing committees and occasionally a special committee or sub-committee.

The Council took the following actions:

National Mission in Church and Society--John Cannon, Esq.

- Approved a \$14,000 grant from the Vincent Astor Fund for the diocese of New York's Church Refugee Center/Legal and Advocacy Service.
- Asked the office of Social and Specialized Ministries to compile and publish a list of agencies offering responsible information and assistance to victims of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome and commended medical and pastoral work with the disease.
- Agreed that members would read and study the document "The Challenge of Peace" by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and urged all Episcopalians to do so along with similar reports from the General Convention and the House of Bishops.
- Amended criteria for Jubilee Center designation to include clusters of Episcopal congregations.
- Affirmed the designation of the first eight Jubilee Centers: St. Mark's Parish, Lewistown, Penna.; the Episcopal Pastoral Center, Denver, Co.; St. Paul's Parish, Saginaw, Mich.; Durham Ministries, Durham, N.C.; Holy Cross Parish, Miami, Fla.; East St. Louis Metropolitan Ministry, East St. Louis, Ill.; Episcopal Ministries of Middle Tennessee, Urban and Regional Ministry Inc., Nashville, Tenn.; Urban Mission Training Program, Washington, D.C.
- Learned that Jubilee Center forms will be revised to clarify primacy of diocesan designation.

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- Heard the Presiding Bishop report on the Christian Peace Conference in Uppsala, Sweden and on continuing conversations with Archbishop John Roach of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.
- Learned that Social Responsibility in Investment efforts enjoyed "a modicum of success" this past year in stockholder resolutions and that such efforts will continue to focus on South African affairs.
- Commended the Rev. Franklin Turner, on the occasion of his resignation, for his years of service as Black Ministries Officer.

Stewardship--Pamela C. Chinnis

- Learned that a Mission Opportunity Catalog approved by Council in February has been published and will be revised periodically.
- Learned that the Church is "about at the peak" of Venture in Mission collections and that \$600,000 was available in undesignated funds for national projects and, overall, \$154 million had been collected among all diocesan and national Venture campaigns on pledges of \$175 million.
- Designated funds to the following projects from undesignated Venture funds: Northern Mexico, \$190,000; Episcopal endowments of \$60,000 each in Honduras, Panama, El Salvador, and Nicaragua; ARENSA, \$50,000; Family Life Ministries, 29,000; Brazil, \$10,000.
- Released \$45,000 designated for Honduras and \$11,700 designated for Costa Rica from Venture gifts.
- Modified prior resolutions on Sudan and scholarship projects to release funds and clarify purpose.
- Viewed a 28-minute color videotape "More than Money" prepared by the Episcopal Church Center Communication and Stewardship office, exploring the General Convention tithing resolution.

Finance/Administration--The Rev. Donald Hungerford

- Received the report of Treasurer Matthew Costigan indicating "excellent financial condition."
- Learned that the state of the finances enabled Church offices to lift an automatic 5% restriction that is a built-in protective device.
- Established trust funds from bequests honoring Agnes T. Muntz, Howard and Marcella Beers, and Leo G. McAfee.

- Established trust funds to conform with Venture gifts for Honduras, Panama, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Black clergy scholarships.
- Learned that bequests from Katherine I. Granlund, Lily M. Morrell Matilda R. Walsh and Josephine P. Taylor had been added to the General Endowment Fund.
- Learned that the Church had filed an amicus curiae brief in support of the appeal of the Rev. Messrs. Leo Frade and Joe Doss, seeking to overturn their convictions in Federal court in charges stemming from the 1979 Cuban boat lift, and learned that the Presiding Bishop continues to press for the two at the highest levels of government.
- Heard Treasurer Matthew Costigan report on administrators' workshops and support for pilot computer technology programs.
- Asked the Secretary, the Rev. James R. Gundrum, to explore the possibility of shifting the June 1984 Council meeting from the Mercy Center to the Church Divinity School of the Pacific--both in the Diocese of California--and to shift the dates back from June 7-9 to June 6-8 to avoid travel on the eve of Pentecost.

World Mission in Church and Society--The Rt. Rev. A. Donald Davies

- Affirmed the following companion diocese relationships: Between the Diocese of Alaska and the Diocese of Busan, Korea; among the Dioceses of Arizona, Mississippi, and Panama; between the Dioceses of Delaware and Haiti; among the Diocese of Missouri and the Dioceses of Jos, Kaduna and Kano, Nigeria; between the Dioceses of Texas and Western Mexico; between the Dioceses of Tennessee and Costa Rica.
- Affirmed the appointments of the following as Volunteers for Mission: Hugh W. W. Darnley Smith; the Very Rev. O.C. Edwards, the Rev. Dr. Alan Jones, Kirsten Laursen, Nancy Monelli, Margaret I. Short, Stephen F. Templeton, Barbara Ann Choate, Sheryl McGrath and Charles R. Bradshaw.
- Commended the following volunteers upon their return from the field: Gabrielle Beasley, Joyce Elise Carlson, John C. Hauser, Eric Naegel and David Shanks and learned that Shanks had broken his leg in service in Liberia and was recuperating at an Order of the Holy Cross monastery.
- Expressed appreciation for the appointment as missionaries of the Rev. Samuel Van Culin and the Rev. Donald L. Irish.

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- Gave thanks for the following for completed missionary terms: the Rev. James David McCallum and the Rev. Herbert A. Vermilye.
- Approved expenditure of \$17,000 from trust fund income in support of Latin American/Caribbean theological education projects.
- Agreed to a modification of the Constitution of the Anglican Council of North America and the Caribbean to clarify advisory role of Council.
- Appointed the Rt. Rev. Robert C. Witcher, Bishop of Long Island, to represent the Episcopal Church at the Partners in Mission consultation of the Church of the Province of the West Indies.
- Recommended that salaries of the Presiding Bishop's Fund Network Officer and assistant be funded through the General Church Program beginning next year.
- Received for confirmation resolutions and policy statements of the National Council of Churches dealing with China, Albania, and Central America.
- Learned that Bishop John M. Watanabe had been congratulated upon his election as Presiding Bishop of the Holy Catholic Church of Japan, a member Church of the Anglican Communion.
- Heard a report from fellow member John Carson on the recent board meeting of the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief.
- Commended Jeannie Willis on the occasion of her impending retirement for her work in mission support and as executive assistant in the unit.

Communication--William Baker

- Commended Walter. H. Boyd, with a standing ovation, for his years of service as Press Officer of the Episcopal Church Center.
- Learned that the Rev. William D. Dearnaley had been named News Director of the Church Center and would be advertising for an assistant soon.
- Heard a report from Council member and Bishop of Iowa the Rt. Rev. Walter C. Righter in a diocesan-wide model communication program that is underway in the diocese.
- Learned that the committee is continuing explorations into proposals to involve the Church in cable and television-satellite broadcasting.

Education for Mission and Ministry--Harry Griffith

- Commended the executive, the Rt. Rev. Elliott L. Sorge, who is resigning to become Bishop of Easton, for his leadership in the unit.
- Learned that the procedures for ecclesiastical endorsement of college, hospital and institutional chaplains are being refined by staff officer the Rev. Mark Harris.
- Agreed that the committee should assist the conscientious objector registrar (Bobbie Bevill of the Youth Ministry Office) in reviewing policies and programs of the Church in this area to bring them into conformity with General Convention actions.
- Allocated up to \$10,000 from the Constable Fund to assist with a Province IX meeting of diocesan Commissions on Ministry.
- Approved an interest-free loan of \$21,000 from the Constable Fund to the Seabury Press for development and publication of "Bible Stories for the Church Year" as a companion volume to the recently published Prayer Book Guide to Christian Education, to be repaid through sales.
- Approved an allocation of up to \$20,000 from the Constable Fund to support a conference on college ministries at Estes Park, Colo. next winter.
- Supported the Hispanic Vocations Week Nov. 27 - Dec. 4.
- Learned that a Council for Women's Ministries has been formed, incorporating most of the groups now engaged in this work.

Presiding Bishop--The Most Rev. John M. Allin

- Received information on publications and programs relating to the Next Step in Mission and Jubilee Ministries.
- Heard reports on Peace Ministries and public policy development, and viewed the videotape "To Make Peace," produced by the Communication Office and the Public Affairs Office for cable television transmission.
- Learned of ecumenical progress in Iowa through Bishop Walter C. Righter, a council member, Bishop Paul Werger of the Lutheran Church in America, and through a videotape produced by the diocese of Iowa.
- Received with applause a report on an Anglican pastoral visit to South African Bishop Desmond Tutu, in which Council member Pamela C. Chinnis took part.

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● Learned that Allin has named the Rev. Sherrill Scales of the Church Building Fund, Barbara Quinn, Episcopal Church Center personnel officer, Council member Paul Chalk, the Rev. Rodger Pickering and the Rev. Jerry Crook to a Convention-mandated committee on disabled/handicapped concerns, and confirmed the appointments.

Committee of Chairmen/Nominating Committee

- Elected the Rev. Sandra Wilson of Connecticut as a presbyteral at-large member of Council to replace the Rt. Rev. Alex D. Dickson, who has been consecrated Bishop of West Tennessee on the first ballot, after receiving the names of three priests nominated by the committee.
- Refined and clarified nomination/election procedures in anticipation of more interim vacancies on Council.

Secretary of Executive Council/Executive Officer of General Convention--the Rev. Canon James R. Gundrum

- Learned that the Rev. John A. Schultz has retired as assistant secretary of General Convention and that the Rev. Daniel Seger of the diocese of Iowa has been named assistant secretary.
- Learned that Karl B. Fischer has replaced Bob. N. Wallace as General Convention manager and will work out of New York.
- Extended thanks to the Bishop and staff of the diocese of Iowa; and to a number of Iowa Episcopalians for their hospitality and for a barbecue they hosted for Council, staff and guests.
- Sent greetings to Lutheran Church in America Bishop Paul Werger for his presence and ministry.
- Extended thanks to the Rev. William Jacobs and the people and staff of St. Paul's Church for their assistance and hospitality during the meeting.
- Learned that the next meeting of the Council will take place Nov. 16-18 in New York.

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DEARNALEY NAMED

NEWS DIRECTOR

DPS 83122

DES MOINES, Iowa (DPS, June23) — Presiding Bishop John M. Allin announced at the June meeting of the Executive Council here that the Rev. William D. Dearnaley has been named news director at the Episcopal Church Center.

Dearnaley succeeds Walter H. Boyd who retired in March for health reasons and who was honored at this meeting. Boyd served as press officer at the Center from 1971 until his retirement. Under his direction, the press operation grew to become a respected source of news and information about the General Church program and related staff and activities. Its weekly Diocesan Press Service mailings provide more than 300 clients with news, features and photos.

At a luncheon at the Fort Des Moines, Boyd was honored with numerous testimonials and with a stained glass sculpture from Allin. A resolution commending Boyd passed with a standing ovation.

Dearnaley joined the Church Center staff in 1976 after completing theological training at the Episcopal Divinity School. He was ordained priest the following year.

Before going to seminary, he was a reporter, newscaster and editor. His last daily newspaper post was on the news desk of the Trenton Times, where he also served as makeup supervisor, wire editor, night city editor and wrote regularly for op-ed and feature pages.

As news director, he is responsible for the Press Service, is general editor of the Issues series, and arranges and supervises coverage for the House of Bishops, the General Convention and other special national meetings. He has served as publisher of the Convention Daily and as news editor of the General Convention.

Dearnaley is married and lives in New York with his wife Carol-Ann. They are members of St. Luke's in the Fields parish and he serves as a supply priest in the dioceses of new York and Long Island.

A search for an assistant will begin soon.

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(EDITORS) The Resolution on Walter Boyd is attached.

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Resolution on Walter H. Boyd

Passed by Executive Council June 17 In Des Moines, Iowa

Whereas, Walter Harold Boyd has served Christianity as Press Officer of the Episcopal Church from 1971 until 1983, interpreting the Church's national and international mission to and through secular and Church-related media; and

Whereas, the heavy responsibility of this position at no time limited his ability or his willingness to be a counselor, advisor, confidant and friend for those around him; and

Whereas, his calling as an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America enabled him to bring a unique ecumenical perspective to the communication ministry of the Episcopal Church; and

Whereas, his patience, quiet humor, insight and complete lack of selfishness have made him an example and an inspiration to Episcopalians and other Christians both clergy and laypersons alike; be it therefore

Resolved, that the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church meeting this date in Des Moines, Iowa,

* Thank God for the years during which Christians of many traditions have benefited from Walter Harold Boyd's leadership and guidance.

* Praise God for the progress and quality in the communication field that Walter Harold Boyd has enabled the Episcopal Church to achieve, and

* Ask God to guide him and us as we go forward in ministry, vastly enriched by our years together.

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INFORMATION SESSION

OPENS COUNCIL MEETING

DPS 83123

DES MOINES, Iowa (DPS, June 23) -- In what is becoming a pattern, the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church spent the first morning of its June 16-18 meeting here in briefings by staff and members on a wide range of Church programs.

The 40-member Council met at St Paul's Episcopal Church here as it continues the practice of meeting in various parts of the country, a practice begun after the sale of the Seabury House Conference Center last year. As it carries the program and policies of the General Convention into different regions, the Council has also developed the practice of beginning each session with extensive review of the work of staff units of the Episcopal Church Center.

Although the Council usually spends part of the first morning of each meeting in committee, they extended the informational portion of this session until the midday break. Even that was barely enough time for the review of ecumenical, Jubilee, Next Step, Peace, South African and financial and electoral issues that they faced.

With Presiding Bishop John M. Allin in the chair, the Council received host Bishop -- and Council member -- Walter C. Righter and Lutheran Church in America Bishop Paul Werger, for a review of the ecumenical work that began in Iowa with the visit of John Paul II, was solidified through the visit of Archbishop Robert Runcie of Canterbury and celebrated anew with the Lutheran-Episcopal accord of last year. A short color videotape highlighted the presentation.

At the same session, the Council received the report of treasurer Matthew Costigan in which he noted that, although some dioceses are behind in meeting their apportionment pledges, the Church's financial status is "excellent". Costigan was quick to point out that not only are the dioceses that are behind expected to catch up before year's end, but that pledges this year were at 98 percent of the assigned total -- the highest level ever achieved in the apportionment system.

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Costigan was followed by Alice Emery, executive for National Mission in Church and Society, Bishop Elliott Sorge, executive for Education for Mission and Ministry, and the Rev. Richard J. Anderson who reviewed the progress and materials that have been developed for the Next Step in Mission/ Jubilee Ministry programs, including congregational resource guides, audio tapes of meditations on the Biblical heritage of jubilee and a planned quarterly journal on the theme of "meeting the needs of the poor wherever they are," the concept behind the dual ministry.

Emery reported that nearly 20 centers -- Episcopal congregations, and ecumenical and Episcopal clusters -- had sought affirmation as Jubilee Centers.

Still another major segment was a report from Youth Ministries staff officer Bobbie Bevill and a panel of other staff members who helped prepare and run the Denver conference "To Make Peace." A 28-minute videotape prepared by the Communication and Public Issues staff on the conference was previewed and will be shown on cable television this month.

The morning's session ended with a report from Council member Pamela C. Chinnis who had represented the Episcopal Church on an Anglican visit to South Africa in April to support and testify for Bishop Desmond Tutu and the South African Council of Churches. Chinnis told of a Palm Sunday service at Tutu's Soweto parish that ended with the spontaneous singing of the republic's national anthem even though the current regime is determined to press the oppressive apartheid system.

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DIOCESAN RESPONSE

AT RECORD LEVEL

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DES MOINES, Iowa (DPS, June 23) -- Diocesan response to the apportionments assigned by General Convention is at the highest level ever seen by Treasurer Matthew Costigan.

Costigan -- whose service in the finance department goes back more than 30 years -- told the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church that diocesan pledges amounted to \$17,056,000 -- which was \$407,000 over the amount budgeted from apportionment and 98 percent of the assigned apportionment. Since Church budgeting procedures always call for estimating income from dioceses below the apportionment, this amount becomes a counterbalance to those dioceses that have not met their apportionment and to an anticipated shortfall in investment which Church fiscal officers predicted early in the year.

In reporting to the Council, which was meeting June 16-18 at St. Paul's Church here, Costigan pointed to the Dioceses that have overpledged -- Virginia by \$60,800 and Southern Ohio by \$27,400 -- for special commendation.

Costigan's good news was a prelude to the Rev. Donald Hungerford, chairman of the Council's finance/administration committee, announcing later in the meeting that the automatic five percent restriction that is built into budget spending was being lifted. This limit is added at the beginning of each fiscal year as a guarantee against a budget overdraft since the Council is bound by Church law to operate within a balanced budget. The restriction is under constant review and is removed when the budget watchdogs are assured that the income will measure up.

One other piece of good news in Costigan's report was that the May payment paid off the mortgage on the Episcopal Church Center.

Reflecting on the good news, Costigan pointed out that the strong support for the national program -- in light of the nation's uncertain economy to date -- reflected a growing awareness of the need for Church support, an awareness that he believes grew out of the Venture in Mission efforts. "That laid the foundation. People became very aware of the responsibility that our Church has for programs throughout the world and the country, and people have responded."

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ATTACHMENTS: June 16-18 Executive Council of the Episcopal Church

Resolution on: ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME

Resolved, That The Executive Council, through the Secretary, support the President of the United States, the members of Congress and appropriate federal agencies in providing the National Institute of Health and the Center for Disease Control with increased funds and a high priority for research and information on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and AIDS related diseases; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Social and Specialized Ministries compile and publish a list of medical and social agencies which are providing responsible information about AIDS, which have established programs of assistance to those afflicted by this disease; and be it further

Resolved, That this Executive Council commend and encourage those in this Church who are providing a pastoral ministry to those affected by AIDS.

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Resolution on: ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS' PASTORAL LETTER

Whereas, The Roman Catholic Bishops have issued a pastoral letter: "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response;" and

Whereas, The General Convention has passed a resolution challenging Governments to take decisive steps against the nuclear threat; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the Executive Council study the Roman Catholic Bishops' pastoral letter, "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response," along with our own document, "To Make Peace," the report of the Joint Commission on Peace of the General Convention of 1982; and, "Identity, Pilgrimage and Peace," the pastoral from the House of Bishops, 1982, and urge all Episcopalians to do the same.

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